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DOD SUPPORT FOR HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2005, AS OF 0700**

Command and Control

- U.S. Northern Command Commander is Admiral Keating in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- Joint Task Force Katrina East (Forward) is located at Camp Shelby, Mississippi – Lieutenant General Honore is on the USS IWO JIMA pier side in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Joint Task Force Commander for the Louisiana National Guard is Major General Landreneau, at New Orleans.
- Joint Task Force Commander for the Mississippi National Guard is Major General Cross, at Stennis Space Center, Mississippi.

Operational Highlights

- 55,208 (- 2,828) Active Duty and National Guard personnel are on the ground or aboard ships supporting relief operations.
 - 13,320 (- 899) Active Duty.
 - 39,833 (-1788) National Guard. 2,055 (- 141) outside area ready to assist.
- 10 ships are currently in the area – 6 US Navy and 4 US Coast Guard.
- Total aviation support in area:
 - 170 helicopters (Active Duty, National Guard and Coast Guard).
 - 45 airplanes (Active Duty and National Guard).
- DoD has provided extensive search and rescue, evacuation, and medical support:
 - 6,637 Active Duty sorties flown.
 - 9,585 National Guard sorties flown.
- 13 mortuary affairs teams from the 54th Quartermaster Company are in New Orleans operating from the Convention Center. 5 additional teams are available at Fort Lee, Virginia.
- Kenyon International contract signed with state of Louisiana – working to remove remains and transport the remains to the morgue only.
- Two insect spraying sorties were flown on September 19 by the 910th Air Wing operating from Pensacola, Naval Air Station, Florida. Thirteen total sorties have been flown to date for a total approximately 893,919 acres sprayed.
- 369 beds are available at New Orleans: USS IWO JIMA (105 beds), 14th Combat Support Hospital (204 beds), and the USS SHREVEPORT (60 beds).
 - The USNS COMFORT remains in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Louisiana Joint Field Office has requested it sail to New Orleans.



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- The USS GRAPPLE is conducting salvage operations on a potential hazard to navigation in the Louisiana Offshore oil port.
- Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas is the central collection point for supplies donated by foreign countries – 125 (- 1) nations and 12 (-4) international organizations have offered assistance.
- USACE representatives from Joint Task Force - Katrina will meet with interagency partners September 20 regarding a proposed strategy for hazardous material recovery.

Force Adjustments:

- Modification 3 was approved: USS BATAAN, USNS PATUXENT, Fleet Combat Camera Atlantic, Aeromedical Staging Facilities, 1st Combat Camera, Public Information Elements, Naval Special Warfare Group 4 HQ, Seal Delivery Vehicle Team 2, and Special Boat Unit. The order was released on September 17. Total redeploying personnel: 1,614.
- Modification 4 was approved: USS SCOUT, USS DEFENDER, USS GLADIATOR, USS PIONEER, 4th and 97th Air Expeditionary Groups, 615th Aviation Support Battalion, and Naval Search & Rescue airborne units. The order was released September 17. Total redeploying personnel: 1,704.
- Modification 5 was approved: USS TORTUGA, 40th Flight Test Squadron, 1st Air Expeditionary Task Force, 97th Air Expeditionary Groups, 55th, 822nd, 37th, and 375th Security Forces, and Task Force 2/82. The order was released on September 18. Total redeploying personnel: 893.
- Modification 6 is on hold until after Hurricane Rita passage.